

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An elastic assembly for absorbent garments comprising:

a first carrier layer;

a second carrier layer;

an elastic layer attached between the first and second carrier layers to impart elasticity to an elasticized portion of the elastic assembly, the elastic layer comprising elastic strands having a decitex of about 600 or less, the elastic strands being arranged generally in parallel with one another and with a spacing of about 1 to about 10 elastic strands per centimeter;

wherein the elasticized portion, when in an elastically relaxed state, has a thickness of about 2.6 mm or less at a pressure of 0.05 p.s.i.;

wherein the elasticized portion, when in an elastically relaxed state, has about 8 or more corrugations per centimeter;

wherein the elasticized portion comprises: a first elasticized region in which a first portion of the elastic layer is located; and a second elasticized region in which a second portion of the elastic layer is located; and wherein the elastic assembly further comprises an inelastic region, located between the first and second elasticized regions, in which a third portion of the elastic layer is located between and substantially unattached to the first and second carrier layers and severed, such that the third portion of the elastic layer does not impart substantial elasticity to the elastic assembly in the inelastic region, said first and second carrier layers being bonded to one another at the point of severance; and

wherein the first and second carrier layers are gas pervious non-woven materials attached to one another in the elasticized portion substantially only by coating of adhesive on the elastic strands.

Claim 2 (original): The elastic assembly of claim 1, wherein the coating of adhesive comprises about 0.0180 grams or less of adhesive per linear meter of each elastic strand.

Claim 3 (original): The elastic assembly of claim 1, wherein the coating of adhesive comprises about 0.0121 grams or less of adhesive per linear meter of each elastic strand.

Claim 4 (original): The elastic assembly of claim 1, wherein the elastic assembly has a width of about 8 cm to about 30 cm and the elastic strands comprise about 8 to about 300 elastic strands.

Claim 5 (original): The elastic assembly of claim 1, wherein the elastic assembly has a width of about 12 cm and the elastic strands comprise about 49 elastic strands.

Claim 6 (original): The elastic assembly of claim 1, wherein the first and second carrier layers each comprise a nonwoven material having a basis weight of less than about 20 gsm or less.

Claim 7 (original): The elastic assembly of claim 1, wherein the first and second carrier layers each comprise a nonwoven material having a basis weight of less than about 13.5 gsm or less.

Claim 8 (original): The elastic assembly of claim 1, wherein the elasticized portion, when in an elastically relaxed state, has a thickness of about 2.2 mm or less at a pressure of 0.12 p.s.i.

Claim 9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (canceled)

Claim 11 (original): The elastic assembly of claim 1, wherein the elastic strands have a decitex of about 220 or less.

Claim 12 (original): The elastic assembly of claim 1, wherein the elastic strands have a spacing of about 4 strands per centimeter.

Claim 13 (canceled):

Claim 14 (currently amended): The elastic assembly of ~~claim 13~~ claim 1, wherein the third portion of the elastic layer is severed by an ultrasonic bond, a heat bond or a mechanical bond in the inelastic region.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The elastic assembly of ~~claim 13~~ claim 1, wherein the third portion of the elastic layer is severed by a one-dimensional pattern of cuts in the inelastic region.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The elastic assembly of ~~claim 13~~ claim 1, wherein the third portion of the elastic layer is severed by a two-dimensional pattern of cuts in the inelastic region.

Claim 17 (canceled).

Claim 18 (original): The elastic assembly of claim 1, wherein the elastic assembly is attached to an article chosen from the group consisting of: a baby training pant, a baby diaper and an adult incontinent product.

Claim 19 (currently amended): An absorbent garment comprising:

- a first waist region;

- a second waist region;

- a crotch region extending between the first and second waist regions;

- a core assembly located at least partially within the crotch region, the core assembly comprising a substantially fluid-pervious body-facing topsheet, a substantially fluid-impervious backsheet and an absorbent core between the topsheet and the backsheet;

- at least one elastic assembly located in at least one of the first waist region and second waist region, the at least one elastic assembly comprising: a first carrier layer; a

second carrier layer; an elastic layer attached between the first and second carrier layers to impart elasticity to an elasticized portion of the garment, the elastic layer comprising elastic strands having a decitex of about 600 or less, the elastic strands being arranged generally in parallel with one another and with a spacing of about 1 to about 10 elastic strands per centimeter;

wherein the elasticized portion, when in an elastically relaxed state, has a thickness of about 3.6 mm or less at a pressure of 0.05 p.s.i.;

wherein the elasticized portion, when in an elastically relaxed state, has about 8 or more corrugations per centimeter;

wherein the elasticized portion comprises: a first elasticized region in which a first portion of the elastic layer is located; and a second elasticized region in which a second portion of the elastic layer is located; and wherein the at least one elastic assembly further comprises an inelastic region, located between the first and second elasticized regions, in which a third portion of the elastic layer is located between and substantially unattached to the first and second carrier layers and severed, such that the third portion of the elastic layer does not impart substantial elasticity to the at least one elastic assembly in the inelastic region, said first and second carrier layers being bonded to one another at the point of severance; and

wherein the first and second carrier layers are gas pervious non-woven materials attached to one another in the elasticized portion substantially only by a coating of adhesive on the elastic strands.

Claim 20 (original): The absorbent garment of claim 19, wherein the coating of adhesive comprises about 0.0180 grams or less of adhesive per linear meter of each elastic strand.

Claim 21 (original): The absorbent garment of claim 19, wherein the coating of adhesive comprises about 0.0121 grams or less of adhesive per linear meter of each elastic strand.

Claim 22 (original): The absorbent garment of claim 19, wherein the at least one elastic assembly has a width of about 8 cm to about 30 cm and the elastic strands comprise about 8 to about 300 elastic strands.

Claim 23 (original): The absorbent garment of claim 19, wherein the at least one elastic assembly has a width of about 12 cm and the elastic strands comprise about 49 elastic strands.

Claim 24 (original): The absorbent garment of claim 19, wherein the first and second carrier layers each have a basis weight of less than about 20 gsm.

Claim 25 (original): The absorbent garment of claim 19, wherein the first and second carrier layers each have a basis weight of less than about 13.5 gsm.

Claim 26 (original): The absorbent garment of claims 19, wherein the elasticized portion, when in an elastically relaxed state, has a thickness of about 3.2 mm or less at a pressure of 0.12 p.s.i.

Claim 27 (canceled)

Claim 28 (canceled)

Claim 29 (original): The absorbent garment of claim 19, wherein the elastic strands have a decitex of about 220 or less.

Claim 30 (original): The absorbent garment of claim 19, wherein the elastic strands have a spacing of about 4 strands per centimeter.

Claim 31 (original): The absorbent garment of claim 19, wherein the garment has a total contracting force of about 3,500 grams to about 4,100 grams.

Claim 32 (original): The absorbent garment of claim 19, wherein the garment has a total contracting force of about 3,850 grams.

Claim 33 (canceled)

Claim 34 (currently amended): The absorbent garment of ~~claim 33~~ claim 19, wherein the third portion of the elastic layer is severed by an ultrasonic bond, a heat bond or a mechanical bond in the inelastic region.

Claim 35 (currently amended): The absorbent garment of ~~claim 33~~ claim 19, wherein the third portion of the elastic layer is severed by a one-dimensional pattern of cuts in the inelastic region.

Claim 36 (currently amended): The absorbent garment of ~~claim 33~~ claim 19, wherein the third portion of the elastic layer is severed by a two-dimensional pattern of cuts in the inelastic region.

Claim 37 (canceled)

Claim 38 (original): The absorbent garment of claim 19, wherein the absorbent garment is an article chosen from the group consisting of: a baby training pant, a baby diaper and an adult incontinent product.

Claim 39-75 (canceled)